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SUBJ: MBFR: NAC DISCUSSION OF AD HOC GROUP REPORT ON SOVIET
PROPOSAL

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. IN LETTER TO ACTING SYG PANSA DATED APRIL 13, CANADIAN CHARGE MARSHALL INFORMED ALLIES ON BEHALF OF AHG CHAIRMAN THAT THEY SHOULD EXPECT IMMINENTLY: (A) REPORT PREPARED BY QUARLES AND DEAN ON STATE OF DISCUSSION IN VIENNA; (B) " AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION PREPARED COLLECTIVELY BY THE AHG"; AND (C) A TRANSMITTAL NOTE BY AHG CHAIRMAN. CANADIAN CHARGE INFORMED US APRIL 14 THAT AHG REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND DELIVERED TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF. IT WILL THUS BE AVAILABLE TO ALL DELS AND CAPITALS FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 16.

2. CANADIAN LETTER TO ACTING SYG FURTHER PROPOSES FOLLOWING PROCEDURE: " HAVING SUBMITTED THIS WRITTEN REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP ARE AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR TWO EMISSARIES TO BE PRESENT AT THE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THEIR REPORT IS DISCUSSED. FOR PRACTICAL REASONS THE AD HOC GROUP
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HAS ASKED THAT IF POSSIBLE THIS COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD ON THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, AT WHICH TIME IT IS HOPED THAT

ALL DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS ON THE CONTENT OF THE AD HOC GROUP'S REPORT. IN ADDITION TO MR. QUARLES AND MR. DEAN IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA WILL PLAN TO BE PRESENT FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING".

3. THERE IS ALREADY GENERAL AWARENESS AMONG ALLIES DELS AT NATO THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL IS A PACKAGE DEAL, AND THAT TASK OF NAC IS TO DISCUSS MAIN SUBSTANTIVE POINTS RATHER THAN DRAFTING ISSUES. THUS, WE DO NOT NEED DETALIED INSTRUCTIONS ON RECONSTRUCTED TEXT OF SOVIET PROPOSALS, BUT WE DO NEED AUTHORIZATION TO STATE THAT U. S. CAN ACCEPT PACKAGE.

4. ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL TO HAVE ALLIED EMISSARIES AND AHG CHAIRMAN SEATED TOGETHER DURING NAC DISCUSSION (VIENNA 3088 NOTAL) MAY BE VEXING TO UK, IN VIEW OF ITS CURRENT ISOLATION IN AHG, WE SEE TACTICAL UTILITY IN EMPHASIZING NEAR- CONSENSUS ON ACCEPTING SOVIET PROPOSAL. WE ASSUME NO WASHINGTON OBJECTION AND WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY WITH I. S.
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